

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, SN

SUBJECT: GOS ARREST OF SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE STUDENT  
UNION LEADERS AND OTHERS

REF: SINGAPORE 3125

1. ON JULY 30 STRAITS TIMES REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE HAD DETAINED UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT "A NUMBER OF PEOPLE.. FOR INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES." A MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS STATEMENT SAID THE GROUP CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF SINGAPOREAN CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS IN THEIR EARLY OR MID-TWENTIES, AND INCLUDED CONSTRUCTION AND FACTORY WORKERS, SEAMSTRESSES, NATIONAL SERVICE MEN IN THE SINGAPORE AIR FORCE, AND STUDENTS OF THE SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE. AMONG THE ARRESTEES WERE THE POLYTECHNIC STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT FOO CHIN YEN AND FOUR OTHER UNION LEADERS. THE ARRESTEES WERE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA.

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2. NEITHER THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED NOR THE

SPECIFIC NATURE OF THEIR CRIMES WERE DISCLOSED. NO  
NAMES WERE RELEASED OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE POLYTECHNIC  
STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT AND THE OTHER UNION LEADERS.  
THE ARRESTS WERE CARRIED OUT EARLY JULY 29.

3. WE WILL MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS AND ADVISE.  
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